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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

FROM France we have since our last the following advices, viz. That the court is particularly attentive to put its colonies in America, and those of the West-Indies, upon a good footing; for which end all the young people that offer themselves, are engaged upon very advantageous terms. That at Quebec, and the other places in Canada, they are at work on a great number of ships of all kinds, which joined to the many other now building in the different ports of France, will soon put their marine on a respectable footing: and that so many ships loaded with wheat had arrived at Bourdeaux from England before the end of last month, that the best did not sell for eleven livres the bushel, three and one half of which make the Winchester quarter: so that English wheat sells now in France for less than 35 s. a quarter, which is not above the price it sells for in some country places in England. Whether it be prudent in us to enable our rivals in all sorts of manufactury, to have our wheat so cheap, by our giving so large a bounty as 35 s. per quarter on exportation, is a question that deserves our attention.

Thomas Bevan, who lately escaped from England, is arrived at Boulogne, to establish a woollen manufactury; many smugglers also outlaw'd and others flock thither, and are forming themselves into a company, to promote the practice of smuggling; and they are setting up a manufactury for making hats; ships daily arriving with coney wool. Orders are also given for making a canal from Bologne to St. Omers, by which the Netherlands may be cheaply served with cloth, hats, and other commodities, from that place.

The naval armaments of that kingdom go on with great vigour both in Europe and America; the comptroller general of the finances has lately paid to the minister of the marines, half a million sterling in ready money, to be remitted to Rochfort, Brest, and Toulon, where arrived lately two large Dutch fly boats, with cables, masts, &c. for four large men of war, almost finish'd; at Rochfort two ships, one of 80 guns, called Le Brave, and another of 74, will be ready to put to sea in February.

From Spain, That Mr. Keene, the British minister, had on the 3d inst. received from his court the plan of a convention, for adjusting all differences between the two crowns; and that it was expected it would be signed by his Catholic majesty's minister the next day; but those expectations have not, it seems, been yet answered. That the two men of war with transports for the Carraccas, sailed from Cadiz the 21st ult. having 1500 men regular troops, on board, for reducing the malecontents in that country. And that as there was a great number of vagabonds in the kingdom of Spain, the court have ordered them all to be taken up, and distributed in those provinces which are the most thinly inhabited, in order to be employed in tillage, and other country improvements. These vagabonds are computed to be about 20,000 in number, from whence it is hoped, that this method of employing them will be of great service to the nation, and tend greatly to prevent the scarcity of corn, which has frequently happened in Spain.

That Mr. Keene continues his negotiations with that court; and his Portuguese majesty, having warmly interested himself in this business, the British minister at Lisbon has presented him with a letter of thanks, which was graciously received. ——— Whether Mr. Keene will succeed or not, his countrymen have evacuated the island of Rattan, where they had made a settlement.

From Lisbon, That his majesty has received from the marquis d'Alorna, viceroy of Goa, in the East-Indies, the agreeable news, that he had entirely defeated the famous Maratta, and all his adherents.

From Vienna, That the empress queen has issued an edict, whereby she prohibits the importation of any stuffs or toys, made either of silver or gold, in any foreign parts; watches only excepted, under the penalty of 200 ducats, besides the corporal punishment therein expressed.

Madrid, Nov. 12. The new project of convention between this court and that of Great Britain, has been examined in the council of the king, and his majesty has given his approbation; so 'tis believed that this affair will be brought in a few days to a final conclusion.

Nov. 14. The king some time ago enter'd into a negotiation with the republic of Venice, to take into his service three of its men of war, and the affair having been concluded, we have received advice, that these ships were actually sailed, in order to enter into one of the ports of this kingdom.

Paris, Nov. 18. As to the orders which have been in relation to the marine of this kingdom, and sent to the several ports thereof, they have not been slept over, but punctually and expeditiously executed; so that it is in a fair way of being soon re-established, the court from time to time receiving advice, that men of war newly built have been launched. 'Tis however assured, that the intention of the king is very public, as is likewise that of some of his ministers, and that they will do their utmost endeavours to procure a long continuance of peace for the welfare of the people. This may be, say some of our politicians, but how comes it to pass, that so much pains are taken in time of profound peace, to put the marine upon so formidable a footing, when it was in so indifferent a one in the heat of the war? With what view are all the magazines of *Alsace* and *Lorrain* filled? Perhaps, say the same people, it is only to make the king respected by his neighbours, and to enable him to behold with tranquility whatever may happen in Europe.

Paris, Nov. 21. A few days ago, the king hunting a wild boar in the forest of Fontainbleau, his majesty wounded it with his lance; upon which the enraged creature sprung at him with great fury; but a huntsman instantly threw himself between his majesty and the boar. The poor man was thrown from his horse, and 'tis fear'd is mortally wounded. The king made a second push at the boar, which at the same time was shot at and killed. 'Twas a fierce old animal.

We are informed, by a vessel arrived at Brest from Canada, that at Quebec, and the other places of that country, they are building a great number of ships of all sorts; which, joined to the many others that are building in the different ports of France, will soon put our marine on a respectable footing. A man of war of 54 guns was last week launched at Rochfort, where there are four others on the stocks.

Paris, Nov. 14. By letters from Constantinople, dated October 10, we have advice, that the deputies of Algiers, Tunis, and Tripoli, after repeated sollicitations of the grand Vizir, have obtained an answer, that if these states should actually be attacked, the Porte would take them under his protection; but at present the danger did not seem to be very imminent. The king went last week of an English lord, 600,000 livres, or 30,000*l.*

Vienna, Nov. 19. Several regiments are ordered to march for Lombardy. And new levies are carried on with extraordinary vigour, both here, and by the princes and states of Italy: All which are pretended to preserve peace in that part of the world. ——— They talk of erecting a tenth electorate in the empire; the candidates for which are the Houses of Hesse Cassel, and Saxe Gotha, which latter formerly enjoy'd that honour, till it was transferred by Charles V. to the family of Saxe Dresden; and as it now has the interest of the elector of Hanover, that of Hesse Cassel will probably be supported by the houses of Bourbon and Brandenburg. ——— A defensive treaty has been

from excellent harbours France, Spain and Sardinia, in which are compliments to the King of the Two Sicilies, the duke of Modena, the republic of Genoa, and the lesser states of Parma and Piacenza, as neither the latter would be offended to give, or the former refuse the usual gratifications, as a token which the new invasion requires; and their Catholic and most Christian majesties, by means of this treaty, engage to furnish proper aids in behalf of the contending parties at full war's allowance. — The fleets belonging to the British crown are allowed by the articles, that his majesty, in concluding this treaty, had no other view or intention to disturb the tranquillity and alliance with the other powers of Europe.

Amsterdam, Nov. 24. All the letters from France at length unanimously confirm, that the treaty for yielding up the fortress of Louisbourg in favour of the letter that Pitt, is concluded, and that the courier lately arrived in Spain from the West Indies, was sent to pay the Canadas the last twenty thousand pistoles. It is now queried, whether the Canadians will be satisfied with this change, and whether they will rather obey this new master than the Republic of Genoa? This question seems difficult to resolve. There are, however, some politicians here, who assert, that this will absolutely depend upon the full impression which the news of both an alteration will make on the minds of the inhabitants of that kingdom, and on the manner wherewith the royal ingenuity the letter shall administer its powers to the new dominion. If, for them, it should be according to the French notion, there is reason to believe, that he would find the Canadians faithful and obedient subjects; but if he evades the Spanish mode of government, it is very probable that the silent will yet find much work on his shoulders, and if he should at length succeed in fulfilling it to his power, it could only be done by dint of troops, which France and Spain would be obliged continually to maintain there.

LONDON.

Extract of a letter from Chebucto Harbour, Nova-Scotia, August 27.

"After the several vicissitudes of fortune, I am arrived at this new settlement, which far exceeds any idea I could possibly conceive of it. At our first landing in this harbour, which is the finest I ever saw in the world, we found the place on each side an entire wood, upon a gradual declivity to the shore, the trees large and standing clear together, and light fern growing between, the pathage not interrupted with thorns and briars, as the European woods are, and furnished with delicate springs of water. The air is very temperate, and I believe exceeding healthful. This is the latest time of the season; the mornings and evenings are delightfully pleasant, and the middle of the day not warmer than I have found it in England. Every body in perfect health, excellent appetites, from great temperance of climate, which puts me in mind of Italy, and I think there is a great probability of its being altogether as fertile, and in time as enlivening to the inhabitants. The soil is of the finest mould I ever saw, capable of producing any thing; and I fancy much less difficulty will be met with in clearing the woods than was expected; for about two miles from the water side, where you see at the foremost of the hill, the trees are in general nine inches thick, and at a distance from each other, where there is five hundred, large plenty of partridges, pigeons, hares, rabbits, and a sort of native game that we meet with in some parts of England. I have dined upon a pheasant, that is no delicious as a young fowl; whether I may venture to do so or not I know not. Some of the people have caught several young ones. The harbour abounds with fish of several sorts, lobsters and muscles in great quantities, and other small fish in abundance. There are several fresh water rivers well stored with fine fish, which many have experienced, and brought great quantities down to our new town of Halifax. But the difficult necessity of every one's assisting in clearing the ground, does for at present divert them from the employments of fishing and shooting, and obliges us to be satisfied with what a few Indians supply us with, who come frequently to us in their canoes, at reasonable rates.

"There is an island situated at the entrance of the harbour, where a fortification I apprehend will be built, and will not be unlike the window for at the entrance of the Thames. We have had various rumours about the number of the Indians, and their unsettling the settlement; but I give no credit to it, for I am satisfied we have sufficient force to punish us. The governor has got the hearts of the people by his amiable deportment, and has taken care of their health and subsistence as far as possible, and no order for additional pay or encouragement to those as is in the power. However many difficulties must be encountered with, a thriving state of affairs is encouraging. The fish in town, and the great hogs, frequent in the place, render it sufficiently comfortable; but I shall find a particular account shortly. The new folk have pretty houses, but, though we are out, though our habitations are but temporary, yet we are absolutely ordering only fine days or thereabouts whatsoever. The winter is what we have to fear; from gales of refreshment it is very severe, and of long continuance, and we are now making preparations for our security against that inclement season. The town-ship is laid out, and as an encouragement of ground is given to every family; the single people on an equitable scheme, proportionable. We hope to be able to produce nutritive fruits the growth of the weather by the beautiful fruit; for we found sweet herbs, and we endeavour, the summer being too far advanced to do great things this year. The little knowledge I have obtained, in the short time we have been here, of the disposition of the place to England favourable are, that noble gentlemen who first projected this colony, and have so zealously served their country thereby, will very immortal honour for having so singularly distinguished themselves, and as many will be the authors of the happiness of others, who might have lived obscure, and died miserable, at home. Many things to forward the success of this undertaking, and the time by parliament, but every body is so well satisfied with the gentlemen that govern them, that they have no doubt but proper encouragement will come from him, who fixes the greatest excellency for their welfare. Also the children of the settlement will entitle it to the protection of the governor, who have begun so glorious a work, for which posterity will be ever thankful, and will be ever amongst the many tokens of his majesty's affection for his people."

Nov. 23. On Friday last Sir William Pepperell, Bart. who commanded the land troops at the taking of Cape-Breton, was at on his majesty at St. James's, by whom he was graciously received, and had the honour of kissing his majesty's hand.

Nov. 27. Died Sir William Keith, Bart. equal near 80, well known in the projecting part of the world, formerly lieutenant general of the colonies in America, and many years governor of Pennsylvania. The title defends to his only son Ruther, now with the worst marshal of that name in Prussia.

"In June, that when the lords Anson and Colleret took their leave of his most Christian majesty, he was pleased to present each of them with his picture, and a gold snuff box, every embellished with diamonds.

"February there were above 300 members in the book of Commons.

"Letters from Petersburgh advise us, that a courier arrived a few days before at Warsaw, with the ratification of a new convention lately concluded between the two courts, importing, that if either power should be attacked in any part of its dominions by Charlotte or Holstein, the other shall immediately march 30,000 auxiliaries, according to the terms stipulated in the convention.

Nov. 20. We have from the Hague, that his excellency the earl of Middlemark, had gentlemen a memorial to their high mightinesses the states general about the Dutch committing hostilities against two English ships in the East Indies; and that they informed his lordship that full satisfaction should be made for the same.

Nov. 23. "Tis said Sir Peter Warren, knight of the Bath, will be made a Peer, and Sir William Pepperell bart. will have a warrant for a ribbon.

On Sunday night last a man being in liquor at a public house in Lumey, and very abusive, was sent to the watch house; and a warrant of ill report, that had been with him, carried him home for it, and a candle, upon receipt of which, he swore he would burn his way out, and accordingly lit fire to the watch house, which burnt him in such a manner, that he expired on Monday about noon in great agonies. The constable, who had the key of the watch house, was gone to bed.

Nov. 28. The French have now, according to the best accounts, 270,000 men fit to take the field, all in the very best condition, and very proper for action, exclusive of the militia, which might be assembled in a short time.

Dec. 2. By several private letters from France, we are informed that there are actually eleven men of war, from 64 to 74 guns, ready to launch; and fifty merchant ships, from 300 to 600 tons burthen.

Admiral Knowles is now trying by a court martial at Deptford.

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Dec. 2. It was yesterday evening reported, that Tangiers, Tetuan, and Sallee, had declared war against the English.

The merchants in the Turky trade are in great pain for the Levant, expected from Leghorn; as she has a great quantity of silk on board, and has been sailed from thence about 65 days; eighteen guineas insurance has been given upon her.

Dec. 9. We hear that of the 18000 men on the establishment of Great-Britain this year, 6000 will be kept on road duty in Scotland; as well to protect the vassals of that kingdom, during the operations of the new laws, for abolishing the tyranny of Highland chiefs.

Dec. 12. A number of men of war are ordered to be fitted for the Mediterranean, which 'tis said Sir Edward Hawke will command, to scourge the insolence of the Sallee men, &c.

Dec. 14. Capt. Ellis, who went as agent with the Dobbs and California gallies to find out the North-West passage, has, we hear, on being examined and approved on by lord Anson, and others, obtained a commission from his majesty, as commodore of three sloops of war, to make the same attempt again, as also to try other discoveries.

BOSTON, January 30.

A particular Account of the late Fire which happened at Worcester.

The house of Mr. Joshua Biglow took fire, while all the family, to the number of eleven persons, were securely asleep in their beds; and not only the house, but all the valuable things in it, were soon consumed to ashes. One of the Daughters, a young woman about 16 years of Age, and lodged in a chamber over the room where the fire began, being awaked by the smoke, gave notice to the rest of the house; and the most of them, with the utmost difficulty, escaped out of the windows, without having time to put on their cloaths, and repaired to the barn, where they sat in extream cold for near an hour, 'til some neighbours could come to their relief. Mr. Biglow and his wife were most miserably burnt, and some of the children much scorched; but, which is the most sorrowful circumstance of all, the young woman who first awoke and gave the notice, and who went back to take care of an infant child, which she was instrumental of saving by throwing it out of the chamber window, did herself perish in the flames, together with a brother of about 18 years. The bones which could be found, were promiscuously gather'd up, and decently buried the same day.

February 12. By Capt. Dowers we learn, that his excellency governor Shirley was most graciously received by his majesty; and that he is appointed one of the commissioners, going to the court of France to settle the line between his majesty's territories in North America, and those of the French king.

Further we hear, that, by his Excellency's influence and application, the Canada bills are put into a good way, and it is thought will soon be paid.

Last Saturday morning, about two o' clock, a fire broke out at the tavern on the end of the Long Wharff, commonly called the Cape-Cod house; which was entirely consumed, together with the furniture, plate, liquors, &c. to a very considerable value. The people therein being awaked by somebody abroad that first discovered the fire, had but just time to save their lives.

KINGSTON *(in Jamaica)*, *December* 16.

This day an unfortunate accident happened, by which all the powder tents, and houses, at Musquitto bay were blown up, trees torn from their roots, and upwards of 14 white people, and a great number of negroes, were killed, and many of both colours wounded: Mr. Martell, the engineer, his wife, and several gentlemen and ladies who were there, and suffered, are in a fair way of recovery. We have no other probable way of thinking what could occasion it is sad accident, except that the same morning some people were starting of bomb-shells, which they piled up; and 'tis imagined one or more of them rolling down from the pile, struck fire so as to occasion the loose powder to catch, and communicated itself to the started powder, which was near one of the tents, and occasion'd the whole explosion. It is computed that no less than 700 barrels of powder blew up; besides many live shells bursting, which did the most considerable damage. The new works and fort there are not much damaged.

We are assured, that admiral Pizarro is arrived at Carthagena from Old Spain, as vice king, and that there is likewise arrived a president at Panama and Porto Bello; and that they are resolved, as much as in them lies, to hinder any of the British subjects trading with them. Soon after the president of Panama's arrival, he imbarked on board the Mercury snow, Capt. George Cunningham, of this island, and proceeded to Porto Bello.

ANNAPOLIS.

We hear that *Margaret Mahaffy*, who has been sundry Times mentioned, as supposed to have been concerned in the Murder of her late Husband, in *Cecil* County, will receive her Tryal at the Bar of the Provincial Court, which is now sitting.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

To be SOLD by PUBLIC VENDUE,

On Tuesday the 15th Day of May *next, at the House of the Subscriber in* Annapolis,

SUNDRY Sorts of Houshold Furniture, consisting of Beds, Bedding, Chairs, Tables, Brass, Pewter, and several other Goods; too tedious to mention; for Ready Money only. The Sale will begin at Three o' Clock in the Afternoon.

GEORGE DOWNEY.

To be SOLD,

A TRACT of Land, lying on the Eastern Branch of *Potowmack* River, conveniently situated for Trade; with a large handsome new Dwelling-House, having four Rooms on a Floor; a good Kitchen, Milk-House, Store-House, Meat-House, Corn-House, Stables, and other Out-Houses, a fine large Orchard, and a Negro Quarter. Any Person inclining to purchase the same, may know the Terms of Sale, by applying to JOHN LEVETT.

For LONDON,

The Ship PRUDENCE, *now lying in* Patuxent *River*, *Capt.* POWER *Commander*,

WILL Sail with all possible Expedition, having a great Part of her Loading already engaged; takes in Tobacco, with Liberty of Consignment, at Seven Pounds Sterling per Ton.

For Freight or Passage, agree with Capt. *Michael Hubbert* in *Baltimore Town*, Mr. *David Arnold* at *Lower Marlborough*, Mr. *John Raitt* in *Annapolis*, or the said Master on board.

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of *Osborn Sprigg*, Esq; late High Sheriff of *Prince George's* County, Deceased, are desired to make speedy Payment: And all those who have any legal Demands on the said Mr. *Sprigg's* Estate, are requested to bring in their respective Claims to Mr. *Baruch Williams*, or to

RACHEL SPRIGG, Executrix.

April 4, 1750.

ON Tuesday, the 1st Day of *May* next, will be Run for at *Upper-Marlborough*, in *Prince George's* County, a Prize of THIRTY POUNDS, *Maryland* Currency. And

On Wednesday, the Day following, will be Run for, at the same Place, a Prize of, FIFTEEN POUNDS; by any Horse, Mare, or Gelding; each Horse, &c. to carry 126 *lb.* Weight; and to run three Heats, two Miles each Heat; the winning Horse on the first Day, to be excepted on the second.

The Horses, &c. to be Enter'd with *Benjamin Barry* and *Benjamin Brookes*, on each Day of Racing, by Ten o' Clock in the Morning; and to pay Thirty Shillings on the first Day, and Fifteen Shillings on the second.

All Differences and Disputes, if any arise, to be determined by Mess. *Clement Hill* and *Basil Waring*.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Subscriber, living near *Pickawaxon* Church in *Charles* County, makes and mends all Sorts of Jeweller's and Silversmith's Work, in the neatest, best, and cheapest Manner; and engraves all Sorts of Coats of Arms, or any other Kind of Engraving. Any Gentlemen that have Occasion to employ me in any of the above Sorts of Work, may depend on being faithfully and expeditiously served, by *Their humble Servant*,

JEREMIAH LEVI.

WANTED,

A NURSE with a good Breast of Milk, of a healthy Constitution, and good Character, that is willing to go into a Gentleman's Family. Such a one may hear of very good Encouragement, by enquiring of the Printer hereof.

† or Mr. Lancelot Jouk Jacques

been concluded between France, Spain and Sardinia, in which are comprehended the king of the Two Sicilies, the duke of Modena, the republic of Genoa, and the Infant duke of Parma and Placentia, as well for the ſtates which he actually poſſeſſes, as thoſe which he may hereafter acquire; and their Catholic and moſt Chriſtian majeſties, by virtue of this treaty, engage to furniſh 30,000 men to ſuch of the contracting parties as ſhall want aſſiſtance.— —The Sardinian envoy at the Britiſh court has inform'd the miniſtry, that his majeſty, in concluding this treaty had not leſſened his reſolution to obſerve his treaties of friendſhip and alliance with the other powers of Europe.

Amſterdam, Nov. 24. All the advices from France at length unanimouſly confirm, that the treaty for yielding up the kingdom of Corſica in favour of the Infant don Philip, is concluded, and that the treaſure lately arrived in Spain from the Weſt Indies, was deſtin'd to pay the Genoeſe the ſum thereby ſtipulated. It is now queried, whether the Corſicans will be ſatisfied with this change, and whether they will rather obey this new maſter than the Republic of Genoa? This queſtion ſeems difficult to reſolve. There are, however, ſome politicians here, who are of opinion, that this will abſolutely depend upon the firſt impreſſion which the news of ſuch an alteration will make on the minds of the inhabitants of that kingdom, and on the manner wherewith his royal highneſs the Infant ſhall undertake to govern theſe new dominions. If, ſay they, it ſhould be according to the French maxims, there is reaſon to believe, that he would find the Corſicans faithful and obedient ſubjects; but if he copies the Spaniſh model of government, it is very probable that this iſland will yet find much work for his miniſtry, and if he ſhould at length ſucceed in ſubjecting it to his power, it could only be done by dint of troops, which France and Spain would be obliged conſtantly to maintain there.

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"There is an iſland ſituated at the entrance of the harbour, where a fortification I apprehend will be built, and will not be unlike the wooden fort at the entrance of the Tagus. We have had various rumours about the number of the Indians, and their moleſting the ſettlement, but I give no credit to it, for I am ſatisfied we have ſufficient force to protect us. The governor has got the hearts of the people by his amiable deportment, and has taken care of their healths and ſubſiſtance as far as poſſible, and to render an uninhabited place as convenient to them as is in his power: However many difficulties muſt be encounter'd with in the infancy of ſuch an undertaking. We lie in tents, and the great fogs, frequent in this place, render it ſometimes uncomfortable, but I don't find it prejudicial to our healths: The rain falls here pretty heavy, but, though we are wet, through our little fortifications, yet it is not attended with any cold ſhiverings or diſorders whatſoever. The winter is what we have to fear; from good intelligence it is very ſevere, and of long continuance, and we are now making preparations for our ſecurity againſt that inclement ſeaſon. The townſhip is laid out, and an allotment of ground is given to every family; the ſingle people mix together as they approve themſelves. We hope to be able to preſerve ourſelves from the ſeverity of the weather by little boarded huts; but 'tis feared much hardſhip muſt be endured, the ſummer being too far advanced to do great things this year. The little knowlege I have obtained, in the ſhort time we have been here, of the uſefulneſs of the place to England ſatisfies me, that thoſe gentlemen who firſt propoſed this colony, and have ſo zealouſly ſerved their country thereby, will reap immortal honour for having ſo ſingularly diſtinguiſhed themſelves, and in time will be the authors of the happineſs of others, who might have lived uſeleſs, and died miſerable, at home. Many things to forward the ſucceſs of this undertaking muſt be done by parliament; but every body is ſo well ſatisfied with the gentleman that governs them, that they have no doubt but proper remonſtrances will come from him, who ſhews the greateſt tenderneſs for their welfare: And the uſefulneſs of the ſettlement will entitle it to the protection of the government, who have begun ſo glorious a work, for which poſterity muſt be for ever thankful, and will be one amongſt the many inſtances of his majeſty's affection for his ſubjects."

Nov. 13. On Friday laſt Sir William Pepperell, Bart. who commanded the land forces at the taking of Cape-Breton, waited on his majeſty at St. James's, by whom he was graciouſly received, and had the honour of kiſſing his majeſty's hand.

Nov. 17. Died Sir William Keith, Bart. aged near 80, well known to the projecting part of the world, formerly ſurveyor-general of the cuſtoms in America, and many years governour of Pennſylvania. The title deſcends to his only ſon Robert, now with the veldt-marſhal of that name in Pruſſia.

'Tis ſaid, that when the lords Buffex and Cathcart took their leave of his moſt Chriſtian majeſty, he was pleaſed to preſent each of them with his picture, and a gold ſnuff box, finely embelliſhed with diamonds.

Yeſterday there were above 300 members at the houſe of Commons.

Letters from Peterſburgh aſſure us, that a courier arrived a few days before at Vienna, with the ratification of a new convention lately concluded between the two courts, importing, that if either power ſhould be attacked in any part of its dominions by Chriſtians or Infidels, the other ſhall immediately march 50,000 auxiliaries, according to the terms ſtipulated in the convention.

Nov. 20. We hear from the Hague, that his excellency the earl of Holderneſs, had preſented a memorial to their high mightineſſes the ſtates general about the Dutch committing hoſtilities againſt two Engliſh ſhips in the Eaſt-Indies; and that they aſſured his lordſhip that full ſatisfaction ſhould be made for the ſame.

Nov. 23. 'Tis ſaid Sir Peter Warren, knight of the Bath, will be made a Peer, and Sir William Pepperell bart. will have a vacant red ribbon.

On Sunday night laſt a man being in liquor at a public houſe in Putney, and very abuſive, was ſent to the watch houſe; and a woman of ill repute, that had been with him, carried him ſome hot-pot, and a candle; upon receipt of which, he ſwore he would burn his way out, and accordingly ſet fire to the watch houſe, which burnt him in ſuch a manner, that he expired on Monday about noon in great agonies. The conſtable, who had the key of the watch houſe, was gone to bed.

Nov. 28. The French have now, according to the beſt account, 150,000 men fit to take the field, all in the very beſt condition, and very proper for action, excluſive of the militia, which might be aſſembled in a ſhort time.

Dec. 2. By ſeveral private letters from France, we are aſſured that there are actually eleven men of war, from 64 to 84 guns, ready to launch; and fifty merchant ſhips, from 300 to 600 tons burthen.

Admiral Knowles is now trying by a court martial at Deptford.

Dec. 2. It was yesterday evening reported, that Tangiers, Tetuan, and Sallee, had declared war against the English.

The merchants in the Turky trade are in great pain for the Levant, expected from Leghorn; as she has a great quantity of silk on board, and has been sailed from thence about 65 days; eighteen guineas insurance has been given upon her.

Dec. 9. We hear that of the 18000 men on the establishment of Great-Britain this year, 6000 will be kept on road duty in Scotland; as well to protect the vassals of that kingdom, during the operations of the new laws, for abolishing the tyranny of Highland chiefs.

Dec. 12. A number of men of war are ordered to be fitted for the Mediterranean, which 'tis said Sir Edward Hawke will command, to scourge the insolence of the Sallee men, &c.

Dec. 14. Capt. Ellis, who went as agent with the Dobbs and California gallies to find out the North-West passage, has, we hear, on being examined and approved on by lord Anson, and others, obtained a commission from his majesty, as commodore of three sloops of war, to make the same attempt again, as also to try other discoveries.

BOSTON, January 30.

A particular Account of the late Fire which happened at Worcester.

The house of Mr. Joshua Biglow took fire, while all the family, to the number of eleven persons, were securely asleep in their beds; and not only the house, but all the valuable things in it, were soon consumed to ashes. One of the Daughters, a young woman about 16 years of Age, and lodged in a chamber over the room where the fire began, being awaked by the smoke, gave notice to the rest of the house; and the most of them, with the utmost difficulty, escaped out of the windows, without having time to put on their cloaths, and repaired to the barn, where they sat in extream cold for near an hour, 'til some neighbours could come to their relief. Mr. Biglow and his wife were most miserably burnt, and some of the children much scorched; but, which is the most sorrowful circumstance of all, the young woman who first awoke and gave the notice, and who went back to take care of an infant child, which she was instrumental of saving by throwing it out of the chamber window, did herself perish in the flames, together with a brother of about 18 years. The bones which could be found, were promiscuously gather'd up, and decently buried the same day.

February 12. By Capt. Dowers we learn, that his excellency governor Shirley was most graciously received by his majesty; and that he is appointed one of the commissioners, going to the court of France to settle the line between his majesty's territories in North America, and those of the French king.

Further we hear, that, by his Excellency's influence and application, the Canada bills are put into a good way, and it is thought will soon be paid.

Last Saturday morning, about two o' clock, a fire broke out at the tavern on the end of the Long Wharff, commonly called the Cape-Cod house; which was entirely consumed, together with the furniture, plate, liquors, &c. to a very considerable value: The people therein being awaked by somebody abroad that first discovered the fire, had but just time to save their lives.

KINGSTON *(in Jamaica)*, *December* 16.

This day an unfortunate accident happened, by which all the powder tents, and houses, at Musquitto bay were blown up, trees torn from their roots, and upwards of 14 white people, and a great number of negroes, were killed, and many of both colours wounded: Mr. Martell, the engineer, his wife, and several gentlemen and ladies who were there, and suffered, are in a fair way of recovery. We have no other probable way of thinking what could occasion it is sad accident, except that the same morning some people were starting of bomb-shells, which they piled up; and 'tis imagined one or more of them rolling down from the pile, struck fire so as to occasion the loose powder to catch, and communicated itself to the started powder, which was near one of the tents, and occasion'd the whole explosion. It is computed that no less than 700 barrels of powder blew up; besides many live shells bursting, which did the most considerable damage. The new works and fort there are not much damaged.

We are assured, that admiral Pizarro is arrived at Carthagena from Old Spain, as vice king, and that there is likewise arrived a president at Panama and Porto Bello: and that they are resolved, as much as in them lies, to hinder any of the British subjects trading with them. Soon after the president of Panama's arrival, he imbarked on board the Mercury snow, Capt. George Cunningham, of this island, and proceeded to Porto Bello.

ANNAPOLIS.

We hear that *Margaret Mahaffy*, who has been sundry Times mentioned, as supposed to have been concerned in the Murder of her late Husband, in *Cecil* County, will receive her Tryal at the Bar of the Provincial Court, which is now sitting.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

To be SOLD by PUBLIC VENDUE,

On Tuesday the 15th Day of May *next, at the House of the Subscriber in* Annapolis,

SUNDRY Sorts of Houshold Furniture, consisting of Beds, Bedding, Chairs, Tables, Brass, Pewter, and several other Goods; too tedious to mention; for Ready Money only. The Sale will begin at Three o' Clock in the Afternoon. GEORGE DOWNEY.

To be SOLD,

A TRACT of Land, lying on the Eastern Branch of *Potowmack* River, conveniently situated for Trade; with a large handsome new Dwelling-House, having four Rooms on a Floor; a good Kitchen, Milk-House, Store-House, Meat-House, Corn-House, Stables, and other Out-Houses, a fine large Orchard, and a Negro Quarter. Any Person inclining to purchase the same, may know the Terms of Sale, by applying to JOHN LEVETT.

For LONDON,

The Ship PRUDENCE, now lying in Patuxent *River*, *Capt.* POWER *Commander*,

WILL Sail with all possible Expedition, having a great Part of her Loading already engaged; takes in Tobacco, with Liberty of Consignment, at Seven Pounds Sterling per Ton.

For Freight or Passage, agree with Capt. *Michael Hubbert* in *Baltimore-Town*, Mr. *David Arnold* at *Lower Marlborough*, Mr. *John Raitt* in *Annapolis*, or the said Master on board.

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of *Osborn Sprigg*, Esq; late High Sheriff of *Prince George's* County, Deceased, are desired to make speedy Payment: And all those who have any legal Demands on the said Mr. *Sprigg*'s Estate, are requested to bring in their respective Claims to Mr. *Baruch Williams*, or to RACHEL SPRIGG, Executrix.

April 4, 1750.

ON Tuesday, the 1st Day of *May* next, will be Run for at *Upper-Marlborough*, in *Prince George's* County, a Prize of THIRTY POUNDS, *Maryland* Currency. And

On Wednesday, the Day following, will be Run for, at the same Place, a Prize of, FIFTEEN POUNDS; by any Horse, Mare, or Gelding; each Horse, &c. to carry 126 *lb.* Weight; and to run three Heats, two Miles each Heat; the winning Horse on the first Day, to be excepted on the second.

The Horses, &c. to be Enter'd with *Benjamin Berry* and *Benjamin Brookes*, on each Day of Racing, by Ten o' Clock in the Morning; and to pay Thirty Shillings on the first Day, and Fifteen Shillings on the second.

All Differences and Disputes, if any arise, to be determined by Mess. *Clement Hill* and *Basil Waring*.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Subscriber, living near *Pickawaxon* Church in *Charles* County, makes and mends all Sorts of Jeweller's and Silversmith's Work, in the neatest, best, and cheapest Manner; and engraves all Sorts of Coats of Arms, or any other Kind of Engraving. Any Gentlemen that have Occasion to employ me in any of the above Sorts of Work, may depend on being faithfully and expeditiously served, by *Their humble Servant*,

JEREMIAH LEVI.

WANTED,

A NURSE with a good Breast of Milk, of a healthy Constitution, and good Character, that is willing to go into a Gentleman's Family. Such a one may hear of very good Encouragement, by enquiring of the Printer hereof.

+ or Mr. Lancelot Jack Jaques

JUST IMPORTED,

In the Snow HERREDD (*last from* Anguilla), *now lying in* Severn *River, and to be* SOLD *by the Captain on board, or by the subscriber,*

CHOICE good SALT, on the following Terms; *viz.* to any Person that takes 500 Bushels, or more, at Ten Pence Sterling, or Eighteen Pence Currency per Bushel: If less than 500, and above 100 Bushels, at Eleven Pence Sterling: If under 100 Bushels, at Twelve Pence Sterling: Or the same Exchange as above, in Currency.

THOMAS RINGGOLD.

N. B. The said Snow will lie in *Severn* 'til the Provincial Court breaks up, and no longer.

Prince George's County, *April* 2, 1750.

WHEREAS a certain *Samuel Berry*, was taken by a Deputation, from the Sheriff of the aboveſaid County to *William Maſters*; but made his Eſcape about the Middle of *March* laſt. He is a low ſquat Weſt Country Fellow, about 30 Years of Age, ſpeaks thick, is a Weaver by Trade, and has with him Slays and Harneſs: He has a Wife with him named *Frances*, a young Woman, with Child. He had on an old Felt Hat, a brown Kerſey Jacket, a Country Cloth ditto, and white Cotton Stockings. Whoever brings the ſaid *Samuel Berry* to the ſaid *William Maſters*, at the *Eaſtern Branch* in *Prince George's* County aforeſaid, ſhall have Six Pounds Reward, paid by

WILLIAM MASTERS.

For the Benefit of the Heirs of Capt. *CHRISTOPHER GRINDALL*, Deceaſed,

On Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tueſday, the 13*th*, 14*th*, 16*th*, *and* 17*th of* April, *will be expoſed to Public Sale, at the Houſe of Mr.* William Rogers *in* Baltimore-Town,

THE following choice Tracts of Land, with very good Improvements thereon, lying in *Baltimore* County, and lately belonging to Capt. *Henry Morgan*; *viz.*

Friend's Diſcovery, containing 540 Acres, within 5 Miles of *Baltimore-Town*;

Spring Garden, 300 Acres, being choice Meadow-Land;

Spring-Garden on *Gunion's* Falls, 100 Acres, lying on a main Road;

Thy Chace, 300 Acres, on a main Road;

United Friendſhip, 100 Acres;

Taylor's Diſcovery, 280 Acres;

Knave's Inſpection, 50 Acres, with a Re-Survey thereon;

Bryan's Chance, 50 Acres, about three Miles from *Baltimore Town*.

Any Perſons inclined to purchaſe, may apply to *James Richard*, who will ſhew the Lands, and acquaint them with the Titles; and having full Power to act, will convey and give immediate Poſſeſſion to the Purchaſers: The Dwelling Plantation excepted, which ſhall be delivered at the Fall of the Year.

The Proceed of ſaid Sales to be accounted for to Mr. *George Atkinſon*.

JAMES RICHARD.

CHARLES WALLACE, STAY-MAKER,

IS removed from his late Dwelling Houſe near *Severn* Ferry, to the *Indian King* in *Annapolis*; where he carries on the Buſineſs of Stay-Making: And Ladies, or others, may be furniſhed with Stays, made in the neateſt and beſt Faſhion, and at the cheapeſt Rates, by *Their humble Servant*,

CHARLES WALLACE.

DIRECTIONS *how to take Meaſure for* New Stays.

1. Take the Length of the Stay, from the Top of the Breaſt down as low as the Peak End.
2. The Length under the Arm, down as low as the Waiſt.
3. The Length from the Top of the Back, down as low as the Lace Holes.
4. Take the Width quite round the Body, over the Breaſt.
5. Take the Width over the Breaſt, from Arm to Arm.
6. Take the Width round the Waiſt.

N. B. The above Inſtructions, if carefully obſerved, will enable any one to take Meaſure as perfectly as any Stay-Maker.

WILLIAM RANDALL, SADLER,

LIVING between the City-Gate and the Sign of the *Thiſtle* in *Annapolis*, makes or mends Saddles, Houſings, Bags, Bridles, or any Thing of that Kind, as very reaſonable Rates, and in the beſt Manner.

STRAYED away on the 9th of *March*, from the Plantation of Mr. *Robert Freeland* in *Calvert* County, a Bay Gelding, about 14 Hands high, ſhod before; his Brand uncertain, or whether he has any or not: He has a ſwitch Tail, paces and gallops, and goes very free; is difficult to trim, as he will not let any one touch his Ears without roſſing his Head.

Whoever brings the ſaid Gelding to Capt. *Rinky Johns* at *Weſt* River, or Mr. *Samuel Soumaine* in *Annapolis*, ſhall receive Twenty Shillings Reward.

To be SOLD

A Tract of Land, called *Inverneſs*, lying on the Waggon Road near *Little Monockſy*, in *Frederick* County, and containing 575 Acres. For further Particulars, enquire of Mr. *Thomas Jennings* in *Annapolis*.

To be SOLD,

A Servant Man, who is a very good Sawyer, and has 5 Years and a half to ſerve: He is a ſtrong young Fellow, and a very good Servant. Enquire of the Printer.

TO BE LET,

Within a Mile of Capt. Hopper's *Inſpecting-Houſe*, in *Queen Anne's* County,

A Good new Brick Dwelling-Houſe, 50 Feet by 20, with a ſtrah Cellar, ſeven Fire places, a Brick Kitchen 24 Feet by 20, a good Brick Oven, a Garden, &c. very convenient for a Merchant or Private Gentleman. Any perſon inclining to rent the ſaid Houſe, may apply to the Subſcriber living near the Premiſes.

MATTHEW DOCKERY.

WHEREAS, there is an old black Book of Records, belonging to the City of *Annapolis*, ſuppoſed to have been lent. Whoever has the ſaid Book, is deſired to return the ſame to *Thomas Hartwood*, Clerk of the ſaid City.

For LONDON,

The Ship SPEEDWELL, JAMES CREAGH *Maſter*,

WILL Sail by the laſt of *April*, if poſſible, having good Part of her Loading engaged, takes in Tobacco, with Liberty, at Seven Pounds Sterling per Ton. For Freight or Paſſage apply to ſaid Maſter, on board the ſaid Ship lying at *Annapolis*: Or, on Notice given, will wait on any Gentlemen that deſire it.

JAMES CREAGH.

To be SOLD,

BY the Subſcriber in *Annapolis*, for Corn, Wheat, or Pork, good *Weſt-India* Rum, Moleſſes, Loaf Sugar, Chocolate, with ſeveral Sorts of *European* and *India* Goods.

PATRICK CREAGH.

THE Subſcriber has removed his Goods from his Store in *Church* Street, to his Dwelling-Houſe in *North Weſt* Street; where all Perſons may be furniſhed with moſt Sorts of *European* and *India* Goods, and fine Salt, very reaſonably, he intending for *London* next Summer.

WM. ROBERTS.

N. B. All Sorts of Black and White Smith's Work done in the beſt Manner.

ALL Perſons indebted to the Eſtate of *Richard Bennett*, late of *Queen Anne's* County, Eſq; deceaſed, upon Bill, Bond, Account, or otherwiſe, are hereby deſired to come and adjuſt their reſpective Ballances: And thoſe who have any Demands on the Eſtate of the ſaid *Richard Bennett*, are deſired to bring in their Accounts, and they ſhall be duly paid by the Subſcriber; who will attend on Monday and Wedneſday in every Week, at his Dwelling-Houſe on *Weſt* River, in *Talbot* County, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid.

EDWARD LLOYD, Executor.

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